

Trainer's Newsletter

Standardbred

Medication Changes for 2012

Director's Letter

Dear Trainer,

Welcome to the 2012 racing season.

I have written this newsletter with you in mind. Whether you are a lifelong Hoosier racing primarily in Indiana or an out-of-state trainer shipping in for a few races - the content of this newsletter will be helpful to you.



Inside you will find information on Commission rules and policies that have changed since last year. I will also introduce you to some new

faces on the Commission staff.

You know, as well as I do, how rules and policies vary from state to state. My goal in providing this newsletter is to make sure you know what is expected of you from a regulatory perspective in Indiana.

I wish you the best of luck.

Joe Gorajec
Executive Director

Bute Threshold Levels Reduced

Consistent with national efforts to bring uniformity to the horse racing industry, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) unanimously voted to reduce the threshold of phenylbutazone allowable in post-race samples from 5 micrograms per milliliter of serum to 2 micrograms per milliliter of serum. This change comes one full year after extensive debate by regulatory veterinarians, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI), and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTTC).

The withdrawal time for phenylbutazone will remain at 24 hours; however, trainers should exercise caution in order to keep from getting an overage of this drug.

Trainers should keep in mind that, with most medications, the current withdrawal times are based on a small subset of

horses receiving a single intravenous injection of the drug dependent on the horse's weight and labeled dose. When the label has a range of doses, the withdrawal times are often based on the low dose of treatment. As with any drug, care should be taken to increase the withdrawal time if a drug is given at a high dose for multiple days. With oral medication, ensure that feed buckets are washed thoroughly, as some drugs may produce a positive from the powdered residue left in a feed bucket.

Calcium and B1 Eliminated

The new national model rule permits furosemide (salix) as the only drug to be administered on race day. Thus, any other medications, including bleeder adjuncts, are prohibited. Accordingly, the IHRC has decided to prohibit the administration of calcium and vitamin B1.

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Commission to Verify Form I-9 Compliance

Beginning in 2012, the IHRC will be requiring that trainers demonstrate they are in compliance with federal Form I-9 requirements. As you are aware, all U.S. employers must complete and retain a Form I-9 for each individual they hire for employment in the United States. This includes citizens and non-citizens. The purpose of our policy is for the IHRC to exercise its due diligence in licensing individuals whose status permits them to work in the U.S.

On the Form I-9, the employer must examine the employment eligibility and identification document(s) an employee presents, to determine whether the documents reasonably appear to be genuine and relate to the individual, and record the information on the Form I-9. The list of acceptable documents can be found on the last page of the form.

Prior to licensure of any employees, the Commission will require the trainer to sign an affidavit indicating that he or she has fulfilled his or her obligation by completing the I-9 for each employee. In order to make this process as simple as possible, the Commission will provide the affidavit for signature at the time the trainer is licensed.

To verify compliance, the Commission will require trainers to produce the completed I-9's for inspection when a written complaint has been filed or as otherwise appropriate.

I-9's are available at the Indiana Horse Racing Commission licensing offices at Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park, the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA) office and at www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf.

Proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance Required

Beginning July 15, 2012, trainers must provide a certificate of insurance in order to show that his or her employees are covered by worker's compensation insurance. Such insurance must be current at all times while participating in racing in Indiana.

The certificate must include the Indiana Horse Racing Commission as a certificate holder. The Certificate of Insurance can be provided in person at the time of licensure or by mail prior to licensure. If provided by mail, it is suggested that the certificate be on file at the racetrack commission office (*see address below*) at least seven days prior to your first start.

Trainers who have purchased coverage out-of-state should confirm their coverage extends to employees working in Indiana. Trainers without employees will be asked to sign an affidavit attesting that they have no employees requiring coverage. Those trainers may be

required to provide a State of Indiana Worker's Compensation "Clearance Certificate" for each worker who does not require coverage. Applications for a clearance certificate and applicable instructions are available online at www.in.gov/wcb/2328.htm

It is the responsibility of the trainer/employer, not of the Worker's Compensation Board, to determine whether a given employment relationship must be covered in Indiana. An assessment of responsibility and/or potential liability may be made by an attorney or an insurance expert.

For further information, please contact your private insurance carrier/agent. Should you wish to speak with a representative from the Indiana Worker's Compensation Board, please feel free to contact them at (317) 232-3808 or at www.in.gov/wcb.

Mail Certificates To:

Indiana Horse Racing Commission
c/o Indiana Downs
4425 N 200 W
Shelbyville, IN 46176
INHorsereading@hrc.in.gov

Commission Establishes Legal Department

The IHRC has hired Lea Ellingwood as General Counsel and Holly Newell as Deputy Counsel.

Ms. Ellingwood, a graduate of Indiana University School of Law, comes to the IHRC from the Indiana Gaming Commission where she served as Deputy Counsel. In that position, she has had extensive administrative law experience while prosecuting casinos and occupational licensees for violations of Gaming Commission regulations. Lea has also prosecuted mixed-martial arts fighters, boxers and charity gaming license holders.

Holly Newell, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, has been working as a Deputy Attorney General since 2006. She has been responsible for enforcing Indiana's Telephone Privacy Act and Unsolicited Facsimile Advertisement law.

The in-house legal department will take over for the law firm Bingham Greenbaum Doll LLP (formally Bingham McHale LLP) which has represented the IHRC for more than twenty years. The outside law firm leaves an extraordinary legacy, especially in the area of administrative and civil litigation.



Lea Ellingwood

“Two full-time attorneys means more energy can be expended to vigorously prosecute rule violations,” said Joe Gorajec.



Holly Newell

Commission Imposes Out of Competition Penalties

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission issued a suspension of three and one-half years to trainer Jesus Gonzales and a suspension of eighteen months to trainer James Garrison for positive tests of the drug zilpaterol. The decisions were made at the Commission's public meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Horses trained by Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Garrison were sampled at a training center outside Indianapolis in May of 2011. Three horses in Mr. Gonzales' stable and one of Mr. Garrison's horses, all Quarter Horses, tested positive for zilpaterol.

Zilpaterol hydrochloride is a Beta-2 agonist drug licensed in Mexico and South Africa as a feed additive for cattle of slaughter age.

According to the Association of Racing Commissioners International's (RCI) ruling database, the two Indiana

suspensions are the longest ever imposed for a Beta-2 agonist. It is also the first zilpaterol suspension in North America, that conforms to the RCI's recently reclassified penalty guideline – of a minimum one year suspension.

Indiana has one of the most extensive out of competition testing programs in the U.S. and routinely tests horses stabled at its two race tracks, and at off-track training centers and farms. While some states limit testing to blood doping agents such as epogen, Indiana also tests for Beta-2 agonist, such as ractopamine and zilpaterol, and anabolic steroids that are not FDA approved for use in equines.

Testing was conducted on more horses in Indiana during 2011 than all of its neighboring states – Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky – combined.

Commission Suspends Veterinarian for Four Years

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission issued a four year suspension to Veterinarian Jerrilee Cave. The decision was made at the Commission's public meeting on March 7, 2012.

The suspension stems from an incident in 2009 in which Dr.

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Cave furnished a loaded syringe and needle containing a non-salix diuretic commonly referred to as "clotol" to a licensed trainer. The drug was provided within the secured stable area at Hoosier Park so that it could be administered on race day.

The horse died at the track immediately after the drug was administered by the groom.

"We have always taken very seriously any intentional violations of race day medication rules," said Joe Gorajec, Commission Executive Director. "The death of the horse was certainly an aggravating factor in determining the penalty."

Dr. Cave has been excluded from all properties under the jurisdiction of the Commission since shortly after the incident. She shall remain suspended and ineligible for licensure through July 8, 2013.

Trainers are responsible for complying with the Commission regulation which prohibits dealing with suspended or excluded veterinarians.

Trainer Responsibility - Veterinarians 71 IAC 5-3-3(9)

No trainer shall permit a veterinarian whose license is suspended in any jurisdiction or who is excluded from the stable area of tracks under the jurisdiction of the Commission to treat any horse, regardless of its location, that has or will be actively participating in racing in Indiana during a given calendar year.

Five Important Things You Should Know

1. We've moved. Our new address is:
1302 N. Meridian Street, Suite 175
Indianapolis, IN 46202
2. Horses claimed in Indiana no longer have to stay in the state for 60 days or until the end of the race meet. Claimed horses are free to leave the state to race anywhere, anytime.
3. Each time a horse enters the grounds, trainers are required to show at the stable gate a current coggins test (within 1 year) and a proof of EHV (Rhino) vaccination within 6 months.
4. 2012 medication withdrawal times are posted in the Commission licensing office, the race office and available online at www.in.gov/hrc.
5. Updated rules can be found at the IHRC website at www.in.gov/hrc.

Commission Hires Renee Sheward

The Commission has hired Renee Sheward as Associate Judge. Renee has served as the Presiding Judge at Raceway Park in Toledo, Ohio, for four years and as the Paddock Judge at the Little Brown Jug since 2006. Renee will be working in the judge's stand with Presiding Judge, Tim Schmitz and fellow Associate Judge, Dick DeSantis.

Qualifiers Subject to Testing

Horses qualifying in Indiana are subject to the same pre-race blood gas testing and the same post-race drug testing that is performed on race day. Testing will not be done on all qualifiers. However, a few days will be selected for such testing. Penalties for violations during qualifiers will be the same as on race days.

Breathalyzer testing during qualifiers also will be periodically performed.

Multi-tiered Sires Stakes Implemented in 2012

The 2012 Indiana Sires Stakes program will see some changes. The most prominent will be the transformation to a multi-tiered program, featuring a Gold and Silver level for all two and three year old categories. A single nomination payment makes horses eligible for both levels, however for any given leg a horse may only compete in the Gold or Silver. For an example, if a horse competes in leg 1 of the Gold Series, that horse is ineligible to compete in leg 1 of the Silver Series, even if those race dates are a week apart. However, if a horse competes in leg 1 of the Gold Series, that same horse may compete in Silver Series for leg 2 if the schedule allows. Points earned in the Gold Series will not transfer to Silver Series and vice versa.

Purses for the Gold Series will be contested at \$30,000 a division, unless there are more than four divisions per leg for a category, at which point the purse will drop to \$25,000. The Silver Series will see purses of \$10,000 a division regardless of the total number of divisions. In addition, in divisions with eleven (11) or more starters the purses will be boosted by 20%. The sixth place finisher will receive three percent (3%) and seventh place finisher will receive two percent (2%) of the purse when there are eleven (11) or more starters in a division.

"This multi-tiered program is a great addition to the Standardbred Program. At a time when the population of Indiana Sired horses is at its highest to date, it provides a way for us to effectively manage the budget, while keeping the Indiana Sires Stakes at the quality level it deserves," noted Standardbred Breed Development Chairman, Michael Christner.

Other changes for the 2012 Indiana Sires Stakes include modifications to the qualifying times. Qualifying times are as follows:

2 Year Old	
Pace	1:59
Trot	2:04

3 Year Old		
	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs
Pace	1:59	1:58
Trot	2:03	2:02

For additional information about the Indiana Sires Stakes, please visit the Standardbred portion of the IHRC's website at www.in.gov/hrc.

Sires Stakes at a Glance

Gold		Silver	
Legs	\$30,000*	Legs	\$10,000
Entry Fee – Leg	\$500	Entry Fee – Leg	\$100
Final	\$200,000	Final	\$40,000
Entry Fee – Final	None	Entry Fee – Final	None

**If there are more than 4 divisions per leg, the purses are reduced to \$25,000.*

Standardbred Breed Development Program

Total Purses/Awards Paid

2005 - 2011

YEAR	ISS	ISLC	MINI SERIES	IS OVNGTS	IS BONUS	BDR AWDS	FAIRS*	TOTAL FOR YEAR
2005	\$3,055,877	\$203,000	\$365,000	\$376,000	\$609,530	\$153,968	\$725,950	\$5,489,325
2006	\$3,737,134	\$380,278	\$438,800	\$613,199	\$593,772	\$153,755	\$821,650	\$6,738,588
2007	\$3,161,860	\$348,548	\$695,700	\$735,251	\$411,416	\$160,213	\$761,670	\$6,274,658
2008	\$3,271,723	\$401,475	\$564,200	\$583,859	\$460,468	\$138,280	\$743,800	\$6,163,805
2009	\$6,071,000	\$791,000	\$1,678,425	\$891,359	\$403,592	\$376,450	\$1,974,830	\$12,186,656
2010	\$10,762,000	\$1,152,760	\$2,475,956	\$1,338,465	\$766,578	\$1,260,233	\$2,296,200	\$20,052,192
2011	\$11,226,000	\$1,537,500	\$1,806,000	\$1,257,700	\$748,021	\$1,310,604	\$2,245,450	\$20,131,275

*Fairs amount includes ISFC Purses, ISA Elite, Maple City Trot & Elkhart Classic